

FREMONT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Fremont Town Hall
295 Main Street
Fremont, NH 03044
January 11, 2012
7 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Charles Kimball called the January 11, 2012 meeting to order at 7:10 PM on the main floor of Fremont Town Hall.

Present were: Budget Committee Members Charles Kimball, Greg Fraize, Greta St. Germain, Jeanne Nygren, and Pat Martel, School Board Representative Sharon Girardi, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson (via cell phone as needed) and Recording Secretary Susan Perry.

Members of the public included: Mike Nygren, Lori Holmes, Meredith Bolduc, Mark Pitkin, Richard Butler, Bob Meade, Roger Barham, Brett Hunter and Annmarie Scribner.

II. DISCUSSION

There was review of the legality of reducing the wages in the Town Clerk's (an elected position) budget based on the reduction of hours without a Warrant Article. Ms. Carlson was consulted via telephone. She did not know if there was a statute about this and she said she would investigate this/call DRA tomorrow. Mr. Kimball did not think it was legal to do a reduction without a Warrant Article. Ms. St. Germain felt that, if hours were reduced, the Townspeople should decide if pay should be reduced. The Committee decided to recess until tomorrow night after clarification is made.

Sharon Girardi made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011. Greta St. Germain seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

The Budget Committee members took turns reading the following Warrant Articles: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. There were no questions by the public.

Greta St. Germain made a motion to accept Warrant Article 6. Sharon Girardi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 PM, Sharon Girardi made a motion to recess the meeting to 7:00 pm on Thursday January 12, 2012. Jeanne Nygren seconded the motion. Motion passed 7:0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Perry, Recording Secretary